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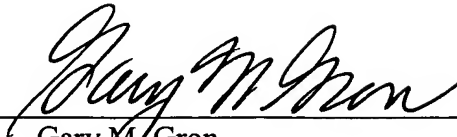
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WHEREAS, I, Romeo Capodiferro, have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

Engine Timing

for which invention I have executed an application for a United States patent, which was filed on June 24, 2003, under Serial No. 10/603,068, and which claims priority based upon GB 0214862.5 filed on 27 June 2002.

WHEREAS, Cummins Engine Company Ltd. of Yarm Road, Darlington, County Durham, DL1 4PW United Kingdom; Iveco (UK) Ltd. of Iveco Ford House, Station Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD1 1SR United Kingdom; and CNH U.K. of Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3AD United Kingdom, (hereinafter referred to as Assignees), are desirous of acquiring the entire domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in and under the invention described in the patent application.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I assign and transfer to the Assignees and the Assignees' legal representatives, successors and assigns the full and exclusive rights in and to the invention in the United States and every foreign country and the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patent application and other such applications (e.g., provisional applications, non-provisional applications, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, reissues, renewals, and extensions) that may be filed in the United States and every foreign country on the invention, and the patents or extensions thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may issue thereon, and I do hereby authorize and require the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue United States patents to the above-mentioned assignees agreeably with the terms of this assignment document.

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UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, I convey to Assignees the right to make application in their own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention and/or other international arrangement for any such application the date of the United States application (or any other application on the invention) to gain priority with respect to other applications.

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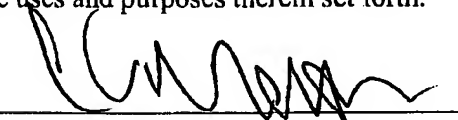
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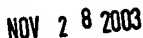
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Date: 05/11/2003


Romeo Capodiferro

On this 5 day of November, 2003 appeared Romeo Capodiferro, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing assignment document, and acknowledge that he signed and delivered the document as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.


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